

EXECUTIVE VETOES FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF  
STATE AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR  
SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 323.

Executive Office,  
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, March 27, 1911.

To the Secretary of State:

I transmit herewith for file in the office of the Secretary of State House bill No. 323 without my approval. Said bill is entitled,

"An Act to authorize the county commissioners court of Bexar county, Texas, to levy a special road tax of ten cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, in addition to the regular road taxes now authorized by law, for the purpose of building good roads and extending, improving and repairing the roads in said county, and declaring an emergency."

It is to be regretted that additional taxes can not be levied by the several counties in this State for the building of better roads and bridges, but I can not give this my approval because the amount of tax which the Constitution authorizes the commissioners court to levy for road and bridge purposes is limited to 15 cents on the hundred dollars, as shown by the following extract from Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution:

"Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt and of the taxes provided for the benefit of public free schools, shall never exceed 35 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy more than 25 cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding 15 cents for roads and bridges on the one hundred dollars valuation, \* \* \*"

I am advised by the county judge of Bexar county that the commissioners court already levies a tax of 15 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for road and bridge purposes in that county. This being the maximum amount allowed by the Constitution, any act of the Legislature authorizing the levy of an additional 10 cents on the hundred dollars, as provided in House bill No. 323, is in conflict therewith.

Yours truly,

O. B. COLQUITT.  
Governor.